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At the beginning and during the week prices were higher on all sizes in all areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to tight for present needs. Nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were higher. Demand was good to very good with offerings limited and many buyers reporting little success in procuring additional heavy nest runs. Floor stocks mostly barely adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady. Light type fowl offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample with demand mostly light to moderate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents higher for large with all other prices in the Midwest region unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand ranged moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Loose egg sales were moderate to good. Supplies were tight to just adequate in most locations. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good with offerings continuing tight to short. Floor stocks mostly barely adequate. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-58	52-54
LARGE	49-57	51-55
MEDIUM	47-53	50-53

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand was moderate to at times good, slightly better where retail items were on special for the upcoming holiday. Supplies ranged adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate and demand was fair to good. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully sufficient for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	59-62
LARGE	51-66	58-60
MEDIUM	48-63	54-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 16-May-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.00	58.00	54.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	52.00
MIDWEST	51.00	51.00	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.75	57.75	55.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.76	55.66	52.99

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-20-03	05-13-03	05-21-02
Large	34-38	32-36	22-25
Medium	30-32	29-31	14-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 19, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	11.7	5.3	8.6	11.6
	Change	0.8	-0.8	-1.2	-0.8	0.3
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	40.4	9.9	17.3	29.3
	Change	0.2	-10.6	-2.9	-2.4	3.6
Large	Curr Wk	49.9	80.4	65.1	73.4	82.5
	Change	1.5	-14.6	0.2	-7.8	9.9
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	40.6	17.3	26.8	37.5
	Change	0.4	2.6	-0.8	0.5	8.1
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	5.7	3.5	7.6	5.3
	Change	1.5	0.1	1.4	-0.8	-2.3
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	22.4	8.9	12.6	6.1
	Change	0.7	1.0	1.9	0.8	0.2
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.2	21.9	18.3	27.2	27.1
	Change	2.1	-17.4	1.1	0.8	1.1
Total	Curr Wk	113.6	223.1	128.3	173.5	199.4
Percent	Change	7%	-15%	0%	-5%	12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	837.9	-3%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	251.8	-9%	36
Total Shell Egg	1089.7	-4%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**WEEK ENDING 17-May-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,241,568	30,114	11,857	6,225	2,545	4,178
PW	1,233,065	30,374	11,305	6,319	2,302	4,397
LY	1,271,457	29,855	12,690	6,857	3,256	4,481
% CHG PW	1	-1	5	-1	11	-5
% CHG LY	-2	1	-7	-9	-22	-7
2003	22,471,435	545,602	205,864	113,539	45,756	83,005
2002	23,060,038	533,596	229,269	123,234	55,070	83,093
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-10	-8	-17	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.18	42.49	42.38
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.82	38.93	38.85

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 10	May 17	May 10	May 17
	Thousand			
AL	28,450	28,809	21,208	21,681
AR	30,235	30,748	*25,204	24,690
DE	3,680	3,672	*5,298	5,376
FL	*1,597	1,529	*1,859	1,899
GA	*31,950	32,674	*24,673	24,555
KY	5,651	6,376	5,654	5,341
LA	3,363	3,923	3,508	3,918
MD	9,626	9,580	*6,278	5,675
MS	18,766	19,380	16,277	16,014
NC	18,937	18,933	15,184	15,019
OK	6,015	6,508	4,394	5,105
PA	*3,687	3,419	*2,672	2,478
SC	5,018	4,979	4,282	4,245
TX	15,066	15,080	12,646	12,574
VA	6,622	6,621	5,945	5,806
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,183	16,788	*15,345	15,646
19 State Total	*205,846	209,019	*170,401	170,022
Previous Year Total	211,162	213,431	172,081	171,004
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	99	99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 161.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 163.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.37 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/15/03-05/21/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 59.50		FUTURE LDS 60.75		TOTAL LDS 120.25	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	44.50	43.80	41.00	42.00	—	—
GNR W 2	—	39.00	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	—	37.50	—	—	33.00	34.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	51.50	53.00	—	55.00
GL W J	—	—	60.00	62.00	—	—
GL W XL	—	54.00	49.75	50.73	51.13	—
GL W LG	—	54.00	48.50	50.20	48.74	45.00
GL W MD	—	—	45.33	46.83	45.00	—
GL W SM	30.25	32.25	29.50	32.00	—	—
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.00	39.81
						36.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-May-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.1		22.8		-7	9
BOSTON	3.8		3.4		12	3
CHICAGO	64.8		66.9		-3	38
DETROIT	24.5		28.7		-15	-1
KANSAS CITY	8.0		8.0		0	142
LOS ANGELES	83.2		90.2		-8	2
NEW ORLEANS	11.8		14.2		-17	0
NEW YORK	30.1		33.2		-9	-13
ST. LOUIS	18.5		17.5		6	6
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2		19.6		8	-1
TOTAL	287.0		304.5		-6	8
4 WK MVG AVG	269.0					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-May-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,120	2,863	97		10	5,090
AVG WT	16.00	36.85	26.47		30.84	27.95
LAST WEEK	2,123	2,910	96		5	5,134
SAME WK YR AGO	1,929	2,793	44		11	4,777
AVG WT	15.58	35.77	21.76		31.59	27.47
TO-DATE/2003	35,244	53,923	1,241		298	90,706
TO-DATE/2002	35,988	52,540	864		148	89,540

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-May-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		BANDED		
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		-THOUSAND	HEAD-	AVG
						LIVE WT
N EAST	898	2	22.14	(A)	900	22.14
SATL	866	6	28.84	(A)	868	28.84
N CENT	2,311	-6	32.35	(A)	2,313	32.35
S CENT	496	-7	21.01	(A)	498	21.01
WEST	509	16	23.44	(A)	511	23.44
U.S. TOTAL	5,080(B)	-1	27.95	10	5,090	27.95
TO-DATE						
2003	90,408(B)			298	90,706	
TO-DATE						
2002	89,392(B)			148	89,540	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 97,000 for the year 1,241,000; last year to date 864,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-May-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806	418
AVG WT	5.25	3.42	7.93	5.53	7.01
LAST WEEK	155,587	1,586	1,364	2,950	483
SAME WK YR AGO	158,538	1,846	1,280	3,126	423
AVG WT	5.10	3.41	8.15	5.35	6.60
TO-DATE/2003	3,008,808	33,695	26,373	60,068	8,422
TO-DATE/2002	3,077,610	36,887	26,236	63,123	8,848

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.4 million head or 1.3 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-May-03

CLASS	Current Week 05/24/03(1)	Previous Week 05/17/03
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	163,640(2)	158,662
LT HENS	1,770	1,626
HVY HENS	1,514	1,394
TOTAL	166,924	161,682

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-May-03 is 158.4 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 5.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 31-May-03 the estimated available is 158.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL	12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
	19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
	26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
MAY	3	158.7	158.3	100%	5.09
	10	157.5	159.2	99%	5.20
	17	157.4	158.7	99%	5.25
YEAR TO DATE		3045.4	3085.4	99%	
MAY	24		158.4		
	31		158.0		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/19/03-05/23/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	49.00-52.00	52.52	40	54.79	78	
Los Angeles	70.00	67.85	63	65.88	136	
New York	54.00-57.00	55.13	23	58.01	47	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
19-May-03	12-May-03	12-May-03	20-May-02	
60.00	0.98	59.02	56.77	
NUMBER OF LOADS	587			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/19/03	2,572	198,485	61,970
AM	05/01/03	2,696	190,005	62,870
CHG		-124	8,480	-900
PCT CHG		-5%	4%	-1%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 19-May-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.17
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.55

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 16-May-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-10	7-8
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-10	9-9.50

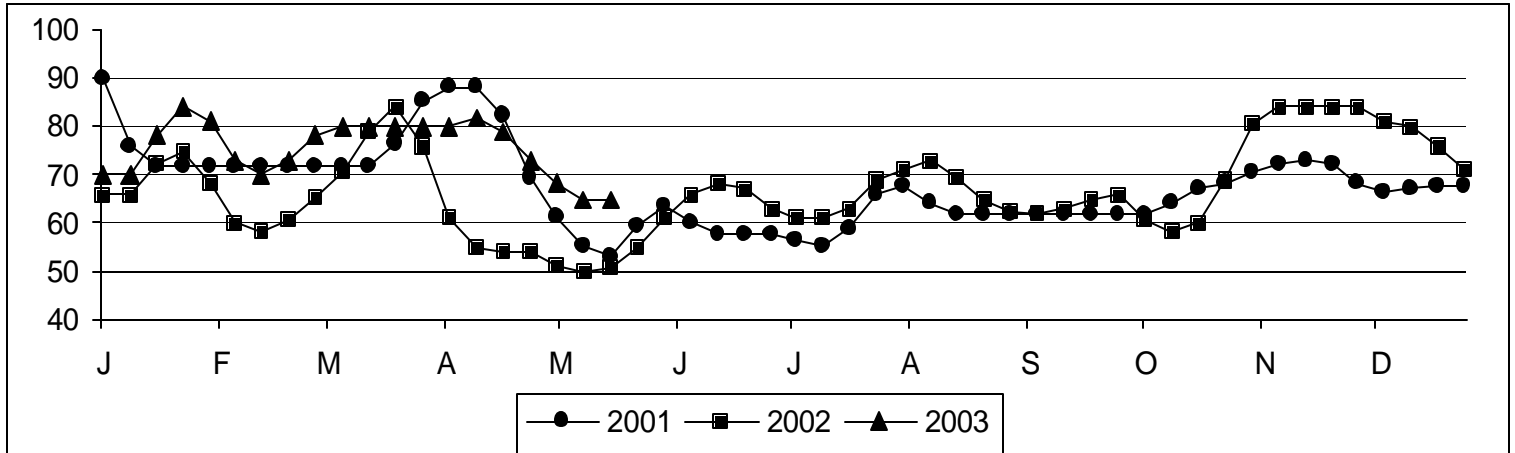
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W/E 17-May-03

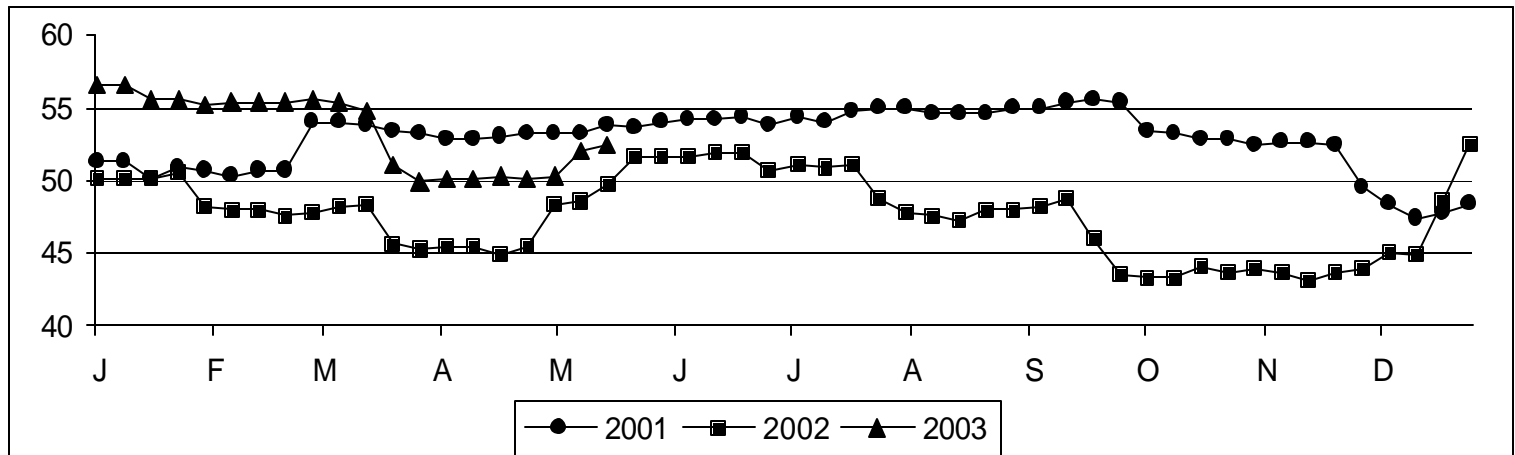
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	207.8	-1	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	554.3	12	25
W.N. CENTRAL	309.8	19	23
S. ATLANTIC	167.4	-1	19
S. CENTRAL	93.5	0	17
WEST	184.6	2	8
TOTAL	1517.4	8	16
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

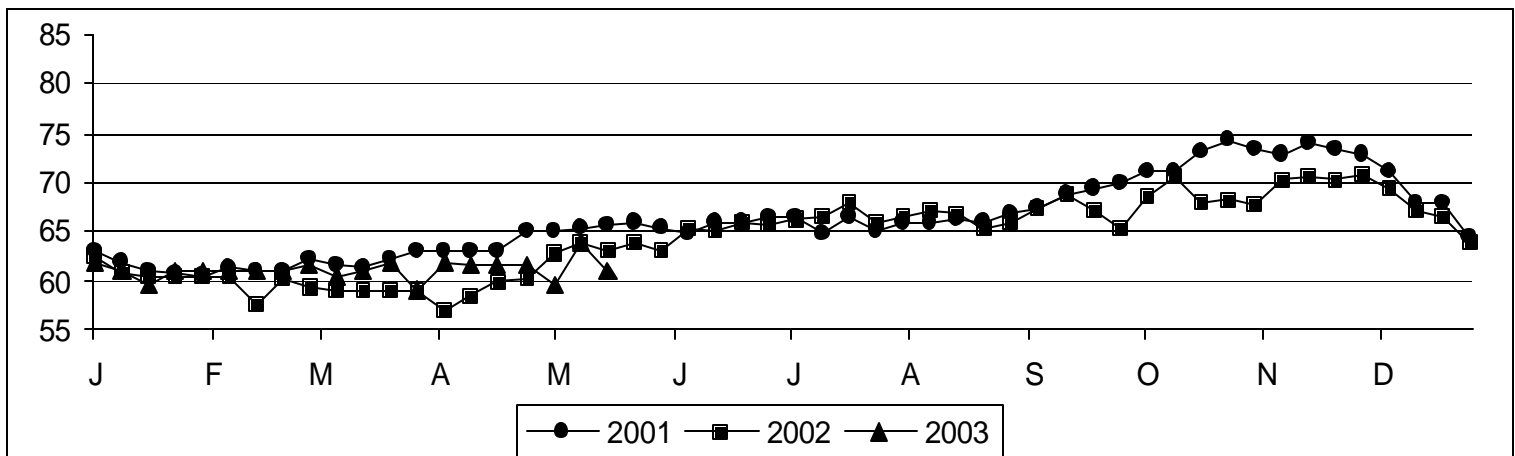
**New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen**



**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
Cents per Pound**



**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys
Cents per Pound**



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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